



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising ~~bases~~ nucleotides 89-1060 of SEQ ID NO.:1.
2. Canceled.
3. Canceled.
4. Canceled.
5. (Previously presented) A transformed plant ~~transformed with~~ comprising the nucleic acid of claim 20.
6. (Previously presented) A transformed plant cell ~~transformed with~~ comprising the nucleic acid of claim 20.
7. Canceled.
8. Canceled.
9. Canceled.
10. Canceled.
11. (Currently amended) A method of increasing the growth of a plant comprising overexpressing a nucleic acid encoding the protein of SEQ ID NO.: 2 in said plant as compared to a non-transformed plant, wherein said overexpression causes the increased growth of the plant.

12. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said plant produces larger leaves than a plant not overexpressing said protein.
13. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said plant produces larger roots than a plant not overexpressing said protein.
14. (Previously presented) The method of claim 11 wherein said plant produces more lateral roots than a plant not overexpressing said protein.
15. Canceled.
16. Canceled.
17. Canceled.
18. Canceled.
19. Canceled.
20. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding the protein of SEQ ID NO:2.
21. Canceled.
22. Canceled.
23. Canceled.